Subject: Chat with Scott, Clark
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Scott: You've been invited to this chat room!

Scott: This is a group chat, apparently.
me: Howdy, Yankees
Clark: it did not work in eastern Montana, the part with the indian reservations, and it did not work in West Virginia, except in major towns
Clark: Howdeeee
Scott: I'm shocked that it didn't work well in WVA outside of major towns.
Scott: Anyway, I brought out all here to better discuss.
Scott: Clark has raised a good point that participation, even on the blog, has lulled excluding himself.
me: sorry one moment
Clark: i think one problem may be that the invite went to spam for many people, it went to spam when i sent it to myself at google
Clark: in a couple of weeks barrett can re-send the invite, and it wont go to spam since almost all of them have had prior email contact with him
Scott: Clark, I have my gmail forwarded to my AOL and several days ago your emails starting showing up in spam. I've since told them you're not SPAM but at least 3 went there.
Scott: Agreed, that's probably a good idea.
Clark: and of course, it is not clear who some of the folks who joined are since they changed their screen name when they got a new Google account
Scott: That's true.
Scott: Maybe at some point we can ask Barrett to make a post that request people to introduce themselves (as much as they feel comfortable) in comments to a post he makes.
Clark: it was a mistake to have made the blog private, I think, so after it has a little more content to give it some gravitas, maybe we should discuss taking it public so folks will not have access chanllenges
me: absolutely, I see no reason to keep it private
Scott: also agreed but I see Clark's point about having a minimum level of substance first
me: to some extent, I'd like to err on the liberal side in terms of making our proceedings available to anyone who'd care to see them
me: yes, of course, we'll wait
Clark: yeah, I totally agree, what I was worried about was publishing our discussions with various financial product sales persons, since we are not consumer reports
me: I'll have time to put up a couple of posts as well soon, just been travelling and trying to finish up some late articles, should be ready to do more in a couple days
Scott: Take your time, it was just a thought since you're much more popular than Clark and

me.
me: I'll distill a couple past articles on PM into blog post form
Clark: i got a list of video topics that i am working, probably send them later today
Scott: I'll work on that later this week and send via Blog as well, unless anyone prefers via email.
Clark: I will put up a post telling the current Workshop PM accessors that we are going public with it, so they will will not be blindsided, thinking their comments are strictly in-house
Scott: Also, I just changed the layout of the blog somewhat in terms of listings on the right. Please let me know if you agree/disagree.
Clark: OK, i just looked at it, looks good to me
me: sorry about that, had to have a five minute fucking conversation about whether or not I need my mom to run get me some Tinactin for some hypothetical case of athlete's foot, finally I gave in and now mommy is finally letting me play with my secret superhero club
me: anywho
me: Scott, what were the ideas you mentioned yesterday?
me: that you thought might be controversial?
Scott: Boom, Tough Actin' Tinactin
me: I know, that's exactly what I think each time
me: we should emulate that ad agency in all things
me: like Sun Tzu
Scott: Well I have a lot of ideas about the structure of the Blog to make it as self-sufficient as possible. The controversial ideas I posted to the blog.
me: okay, haven't seen them yet but will take a look this afternoon
Scott: To paraphrase from a popular movie, "this is not Nam. There are rules."
Scott: Do either of you have a problem with me posting the Kickstarter text file and making a post about it?
me: Big Lebowski
Clark: I have some comments on the Rules post but I am going to wait a while to see if someone else weighs in
me: nope
Scott: yes, great movie.
Clark: I have not read the doc you added yet, will give you some feed back or an attaboy later
me: go ahead and do so, and I'll try to weigh in soon
Scott: I'm fine with that. On the flipside through, Clark, especially if you disagree with some of the ideas, it may allow others to feel more comfortable being outspoken.
me: also, I believe I forwarded the e-mail I got back from dir of comm at NCSE regarding our proposed plan to improve science journalism
Clark: yeah if we bash each other a little, it might loosen up others
Scott: yes, Barrett, I did see that. I think it's a big but important undertaking.
Scott: I just don't know the past way to proceed.
Scott: Clark, feel free to bash :)
me: I'll talk to him by phone soon and see what he has in mind specifically regarding his

counterproposal. At any rate, between the NCSE and my outlet at Skeptical Inquirer and my other connections in that general community, I believe that we can (1) acquire more than enough human capital to make a measurable difference, in part simply by raising awareness of the problem, and (2) quickly move to put some of those folks in charge of that program so that we need not put much time into administrating it
Clark: i dont mean to suggest we should have false histrionics as a gimmick, but when theres an actual divergence of views, i think thats ok
Scott: If both 1 & 2 are possible than I say green light.
Scott: I would be skeptical of actual human capital participation, but I'm always skeptical.
Scott: Clark, sorry, I didn't mean to suggest a "fake" disagreement either.
me: it'll be at least a week or two before I can get started on that in earnest, but I'm rather confident that we're in a particularly good position to do this, and if we can get it into play quickly, it will be a good demonstration of the advantages of our more dynamic sort of procedures
Scott: If you do have differing views, please don't hold back.
Scott: Barrett, do we have an official website?
me: This space station will be fully operational
me: we have bits of a website
me: I own and have access to a couple of URLS
Clark: I would be skeptical of actual human capital participation, but I'm always skeptical. <---- I kind of agree with this, I have difficulty gauging the actual interest of participants
me: and we have a participant who has a server or some such thing, I've been talking to him about all that
me: well, the NCSE alone can get people for it
Scott: okay, i just didn't know if we should start using a more official email address when initiating communications.
me: and they're interested in doing it
me: meanwhile, I have loads of old contacts due to my first book and work in opposing the intelligent design movement
Clark: I tried that with the blog invites, and I think it just resulted in sending stuff to spam
Clark: but so would my name, probably
me: as well as contacts with loads of freelancers who could work in conjunction with scientists, etc to create quality articles
me: freelancers who are looking for work, of course
Scott: unfortunately spam filters are problematic
Scott: ok so barrett is not concerned about participation, which is good
Scott: barrett, moving quickly through subjects here, will the website be intricate? i.e. databases, etc.
me: Before setting it up I'll try to get the best sense of what we'll need initially and ensure that it has those things; other features may be added later as necessary, of course
me: we're waiting on one of our participants anyway who says he can get it taken of for us as soon as he's done with a project of his own

Scott: Okay, because I have a lot of thoughts and some of them might require more complexity than others (not saying they're all good thoughts)
me: so let me know what you think of in terms of what you'd like to see
Scott: plan on it :)
Clark: me too
me: also
me: another matter
me: I'm finishing up my new column for Skeptical Inquirer
me: this is an open letter to literalist religious congressmen and other elected officials
me: people such as Michelle Bachmann, for instance
me: demanding two things
me: first, that the "religion of secularism," as they keep calling it, be deemed tax exempt immediately such that secularists may write off imported coffee and Jared Diamond books
Scott: I'm confused, can you give me the dummies 2-minute version?
me: second, that Congress prepare a contingency plan for the Rapture and/or Tribulations as believed in by some 40 percent of the population and a number of congressmen as well
me: it'll be funnier on paper. Then, I am going to follow up with phone calls to, I estimate, some 120 different U.S. congressmen
me: all of which I will record
me: and then edit together for maximum humor
me: If the stunt is successful, I will tie it to Project PM
Scott: ok good, I just quickly read about the rapture and tribulations and thought to myself that this must be a joke.
me: if no one cares, I will simply move on to something else
me: you didn't know about those things
me: ?
me: I forget that not everyone is from Texas
Scott: Do Jewish people in it?
me: lol, no
me: but Likudnik Israelis play into it because it prompts Evangelicals to support Likud policies
Scott: could partly explain why I've never heard of it, that and my ignorance
me: ah, you're Jewish, of course; I also forget that not everyone is a protestant
Scott: Like I said, could also be ignorance.
Clark: its great to get out in America, back in the 70s I had a friend who was literally in moral agony that Jesus had instructed him to handle snakes, and wasn't doing it
me: well, at any rate, it's an interesting phenomenon, worth looking into
me: in fact, I can send a you a PDF of my first book if you'd like to bone up on what the great goyim horde believes
me: which you should, as they are like unto so many Goths
me: to our Byzantium
Scott: Sure, send me the PDF
Clark: I downloaded it from Amazon for less than $5 and read on this computer, worked fine.

me: or your Byzantium, rather, I think I'm done with that particular capital of the world
Scott: I too will support the cause and download off of Amazon.
Scott: I don't need a Kindle, right?
me: ah, well I have the pdf on hand
me: no, don't do it
me: I make almost nothing off it
Clark: the kindle for PC or Mac is free
Scott: lol
me: my publisher will just blow it all on coke
Scott: sounds like your publisher is awesome
me: I'll send you the PDF, I have it on hand anyway as some Moroccan fellow e-mailed to ask for it yesterday, poor guy
me: no, he's a fucking criminal scumbag
me: and not in a good way
me: let's see, what else
me: I haven't yet heard back from the bikes for world charity think I wrote to but will follow up in a couple of days
Clark: did you hear anything from Felipe Farley?
me: again, Clark, that was a great find, and my contacts in Austin will be able to help quite a bit on working with them
me: no, but I shall call him if I don't hear back from him soon
Scott: ok new post is made
me: I've spoke to him on the phone already, so I know he's enthusiastic and will contribute further, I just imagine he is busy
me: oh, and two more possibilities
Scott: I know Clark mentioned he had spam issues, and Barrett's email address is certainly more recognizable than Clark or me, but I do think if we have a website chosen (I know not chosen yet) then we should use more official email address with outside contact.
Scott: It adds credibility.
me: absolutely
me: I'll make that a priority for next week
me: won't take very long to get site up and e-mail domain once he gets started
Scott: Do you have any thoughts on a site name?
Clark: Project PM.com belongs to a chamber of commerce in nowheresville, Texas, we may need to look into that kind of thing before we go too far
Scott: Yea, but ProjectPM.org is available.
me: ah, good
Scott: stupid question, what does PM stand for?
me: Purge Media
Clark: Pundit Munch, I see a Tyrannosauros Rex with T. Friedman in his jaws
Scott: Also, once the site is fully up and running and we have reached critical mass (let's say some time in the future) is it still a project?

me: yes, as our goals will be perpetual and victory a matter of degree
Scott: In other words, would ProjectPM.org be better than PurgeMedia.Com
me: yep
me: I prefer PM
Scott: ok
Scott: Barrett, I know this is on the back of your mind, but if you do end up registering ProjectPM.Org, you should keep track of the costs. I think it's only fair that you get reimbursed once we're up and running.
Scott: Also, I think it might be worth registering before we make the idea too public. Unfortunately, there are people out there that squat on websites, which is illegal but difficult to prove.
me: absolutely, I will indeed bump that up, we really need a website soon anyway
Clark: Also need to inform ourselves of other entities using the name Project PM for any purpose, because they potentially cause problems if once we gain attention
Scott: Clark raises a good point.
Scott: In other words we should trademark ProjectPM if it is available. Could the patent lawyer help with this?
Clark: even that may not work if some business or organization has been using the phrase and has some investment in it
Scott: Yea I know but it is at least a starting point to see if someone else may have it
Scott: but you're right, we'll need to dig deeper than that.
Scott: We can do Google searches, but also I believe we can make an inquiry with some governmental organization.
me: I'll ask him his thoughts on the matter and make other inquiries
Scott: The family owned business my mom worked for when I was younger ran into that problem.
Scott: Apparently even though the company she worked for was correctly incorporated, a company with a similar name had been around longer.
Clark: same thing happened to a family I knew
Clark: they had to change the name of their business just to avoid litigation (which they probably would have won, but not worth the cost)
Scott: I have to go now, but my next three goals will be (1) post FAQs to the blog (2) do Google searches for ProjectPM, and (3) post ideas about the Network structure.
Clark: Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce could be a problem
Scott: I thought about it, and only saw their website having anything in common.
Scott: How did they even come up with it?
me: prayer
Scott: I have no expertise in this, but I don't foresee them in particular being a problem.
Scott: If they were smart they would have registered the .org website themselves, especially since they're a charity, but what can you do.
me: Me neither, I know of instances in which such things end up not really being a problem
me: and if it becomes a problem this space station has the fire power of a thousand stat

destroyers
me: I mean, I'll explain that we're a charity
me: get them bad press
me: get us good press
me: as I may have mentioned, it is my policy to turn problems, faults, enemies into advantages

Clark: OK, I'll send some video suggestions later today, over&out